

REMARKS

Applicants have added new claims 7-29. The amendments add no new matter. All of the previously issued patent claims 1-6 are pending in this reissue. Also, newly added claims 7-29 are pending in this reissue. This is a broadening reissue.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), the table below shows exemplary support in the previously issued patent for the subject matter contained in each of the new claims.

New claim 7 is related to previously issued claim 1. New claim 7 differs from previously issued claim 1 in at least the following respect. In claim 7, the language "at least one first element selected from the group consisting of Y, Sc, La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy and Er" replace the language "at least one first element constituting an intermetallic compound of Al." Thus, claim 7 is one example of a claim in this reissue application that is broader in certain respects than any claim of issued U.S. Patent No. 6,329,275.

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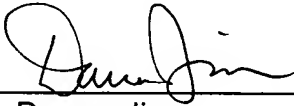
New Claim	Exemplary Support for New Claims
7	E.g., Col. 4, lines 58-62; Col. 7, lines 19-25 and 29-32; Col. 8, lines 4-9
8	E.g., Col. 6, lines 43-47; Col. 8, lines 4-9
9	E.g., Col. 8, lines 57-61
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15	E.g., Col. 21, Table 12
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